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#### THEATRICAL

Midsummer seems to have become recognized this year as the time for things theatrical in Honolulu. For the next three months there will be a succession of amusements varied enough to suit all tastes.

After opera, melodrama and farce will make their appearance with the Elleford company, followed by the Neill season of comedies and society drama, the complete round of attractions being made with J. Rial's vaudeville combination.

The Elleford company leaves San Francisco on the 8th instant, to open at the Orpheum on Thursday, the 16th, in "Quo Vadis." This organization has been playing the Coast towns to uniformly crowded business, having just closed a week in Portland with the "standing room only" sign in evidence every evening.

The company has been brought down here by a local hui of young business men, who think that there is an opening in Honolulu for the class of plays presented by the Ellefords at popular prices.

The Ellefords are not a high-priced combination, and the point is probably well taken, that a 25-cent, 50-cent and 75-cent company can better afford to play here six nights a week, at the same prices, than three nights at the Opera House for double rates. Salaries being contracted weekly, it certainly costs no more for an organization to show six nights than three.

One constant drawback to Orpheum productions has been the lack of scenery, which is to be remedied by the Ellefords bringing their own complete stock with them. An enthusiastic Coast town manager writes to the Dramatic Review that the scenic effects carried by this company are equal to any shown in that town, even those used in the James-Kligger-Warde combination's production of "Midsummer Night's Dream." At that rating they should be good. Fourteen players constitute the caste, all of whom have played continuously together for the past four years, an undoubted factor in the success of the company.

It is not claimed by the local impresarios that the Ellefords are a "first-class" company, but that they give a first-class performance with actors who are all "responsible."

Two children come with them to meet the requirements of certain plays, both of whom are accredited as talented "beyond the ordinary."

The repertoire, consisting of thirty plays, opens with "Quo Vadis," and includes "The Blue and the Gray," "The Fatal Card," "Beacon Lights," "Old Homestead," "American Girl," "The Celebrated Case," etc.

The season arranged for is four weeks at 25 cents, 50 cents and 75 cents.

If the Ellefords are what the local Californian managers say they are, they should draw big houses.

It is not at all unlikely that melodrama and the broader lines of comedy, filled in with plenty of specialties, will touch the popular pulse.

The Neills, who open at the Opera House the first week in July, have several plays new to Honolulu and the Coast. A new version of "Nell Gwynne" may be given, while several dramatizations of well known novels, as "The Sprightly Romance of Mar-sac," "The Honorable Peter Sterling" and "Under Two Flags," are included. The personnel of the company is little changed, the support including Eddythe Chapman, Frank E. Camp, Julia Dean, Frank MacVicar, Robert Morris, Lillian Andrews, John W. Burton, Donald Bowles, Edwin H. Neill, Mary Elizabeth Forbes, Scott Seaton, William Jarrett, Maude T. Gordon, E. L. Brent, Ruth Hiestein and W. P. Davis.

The vaudeville combination booked to arrive here on the 6th of July, is upon a round-the-world trip, via Australia, and is engineered by James Rial, one of the best known of midcontinental variety managers.

The date, unfortunately, coincides with the Neill engagement, but the engagement is of only a week's duration. Rial's name is usually a guarantee of first-class talent. The combination will appear at the Orpheum.

Death and disaster has been busy with well known names in the profession of late, and alarmists are already asking who will take the vacant places. Harry Monkhouse, known to all Englishmen and most Americans as a comedian of the first order, is dead. Roland Reed, most popular of American comedians, died last month; Olga Netherole is, on an eminent physician's authority, dying in London; Jas. Hearne has announced permanent retirement through increasing throat trouble; Jean de Reszke is again voiceless, this time in all probability hopelessly; Hackett, the matinee idol, has broken down, and Maurice Barrymore, prince of good fellows and actors, is confined in an insane asylum. He was termed among those who knew him well, the greatest of living epigrammatists. Once when playing with Modjeska and receiving a rebuke from her for his deportment in a dignified role, said: "Madame, the name of Barrymore was a familiar one in this land when most of the people thought Modjeska meant some kind of a tooth-wash."

Truly, the life of the actor is not all strewn with "beds of flowery ease," though Bernhardt, Irving and our own Joe Jefferson show that the hardest workers among the profession can successfully weather the storms of many seasons.

Coming back to Honolulu again, the Stanton's present "Fra Diavolo" tonight, with Henry Hallam in the title role.

ALLAN DUNN.

#### MATINEE CONCERT.

THE Hawaiian Band will render the following program at the Capitol grounds tomorrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock:

#### PART I.

"The Old Hundred" .....Kling  
Overture, "The Road to Glory" .....Gillet  
(a) "Pilgrim Chorus," (b) "Evening Star" .....Wagner  
Grand Selection, "Jerusalem" .....Verdi

#### PART II.

Suite, "Mascara" .....Sullivan  
Ballad, "The Light of the World" .....Adams  
Fantasia, "Goldbeetles Soiree" .....Ellenberg  
Overture, "The Oath" .....Auber  
The Star Spangled Banner.

The lumber-haulers of San Bernardino have struck.

#### Society Notes.

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Mrs. Walbridge entertained at cards on Wednesday afternoon of this week at the Beretania street home of her mother, Mrs. W. C. Parke. Mrs. Walbridge, in a stately gown of black, cut in a trillie decollete, received her guests with the quiet, gracious dignity which is always a most pleasing attribute of an attractive hostess. She was assisted by the Misses Parke, both in cool white; as was also Miss Marion Scott, who "scored" for the afternoon and the beautiful color of whose hair was especially noticeable under a lovely picture hat of rose pink. And speaking of hats, by the way, suggests that another most stunning one was that worn by Miss Zoe Atkinson. It was wide, and, of course, newly flat, and lying far forward on its brim, had two wonderful roses that actually seemed fragrant, so natural were they.

An innovation much to be commended was the having of refreshments—Mrs. Walbridge's were most delicious—in the middle of the afternoon, when the games were about half over, making a restful break in the play. Mrs. Chas. Wilder won first prize, a gold picture frame. Mrs. Gardner Wilder was second champion, and was awarded an Austrian vase in glass and gold. Mrs. J. T. McGrew was "consoled" by a lovely blue and white vase with decorations thereon of a nature suggestive of those historic feathered friends of Rome who are said to have saved it once from defeat.

The flowers scattered here and there through the Parke drawing-rooms were lovely, a bunch of exquisite white lilies being at one end and scarlet ones at the other. Among Mrs. Walbridge's guests were Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Belle Jones, Miss Juliette King, Mrs. Severance of Hilo, Mrs. F. M. Swany, Mrs. J. T. McGrew, Miss Gillet, Mrs. F. M. Hatch, Miss Stansbury, Mrs. A. G. Hawes, Miss Russel, Mrs. Charles Rice, Mrs. J. W. T. Nichols, Mrs. Helen Kelley, Mrs. Sidney Ballou, Mrs. H. Focke, Mrs. M. M. Scott, Mrs. Faxon Bishop, Miss Marion Scott, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Miss Zoe Atkinson, Mrs. Charles Wilder, Mrs. Gardner Wilder, Mrs. Wildfield, Mrs. James Spencer, Mrs. Austin, Miss Clark, Miss Adams, Miss Bacon, Mrs. B. L. Marx, Miss Castle, Mrs. Mary Gunn, Mrs. F. Macfarlane.

Mr. J. Tarn McGrew is giving a house party on Sunday at Aiea. His guests are to be the Misses Gillet, MacLennan, Deming and Marion Scott; Messrs. Southard Hoffman, Wright, Ricker and MacLennan.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Swany will entertain a few friends at their country place, Kuaioa, in honor of Mr. Mumford, the latter part of this week.

A lawn fete will be given on Monday evening at the residence of Theodore Richards, Kinau and Kapiohahi streets, as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coleman, who have been connected with the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. respectively for some time past, and a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown, who are to take their places. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are about to leave the Islands after having accomplished a great amount of work in the organization and work of the two institutions for young people. The friends of the two institutions and all interested in the work are invited to attend.

A host of friends were at the Oceanic dock last evening to greet Mrs. J. F. Howell (nee Widdifield), wife of Lieut. Howell, Artillery Corps, U.S.A.; who is at present in Manila. Mrs. Howell has been expected home for several weeks, and was due to arrive on a transport, but owing to the change in the service she was compelled to travel via San Francisco. An informal reception was held in her honor by the guests who were about to embark on the Waterwitch for a cruise in the harbor—all her old friends. Mrs. Howell comes back to Honolulu to recuperate her health.

Miss Deming has been rusticated for a few days at Haleiwa Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Grimwood entertained ten guests at a very delightful dinner Thursday evening.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mott-Smith gave a farewell pot supper for Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mott-Smith, soon to leave for Europe. The Quintet Club discoursed sweet music during the evening, which was spent by the guests in easy chairs on the moonlit lawns, after the most delicious supper had been partaken of.

Mrs. Judson and her daughter are at Waialua and will remain over Sunday.

Messrs. Swain, McKay and Hammer will spend Sunday at Haleiwa.

The following invitations were received by Honolulu people likely to be interested: "An exhibition of the new school of portrait and scenic photography will be given Friday, May 24, from 2 till 10 p. m. at 104 Beretania street, near Fort. A. W. Rice, R. W. Perkins." And clever little photographs accompany the invitations.

Mrs. Annis Montague Turner gave one of her charming luncheons Friday noon in honor of Mrs. Severance of Hilo, to which were bidden those of the former Punaohu pupils who were Mrs. Severance's school friends. The decorations were in pink, the cards being hand-painted scenes typical of the Islands.

A small but very enjoyable swimming party and dinner was given by Mrs. Charles B. Cooper at Waikiki the early part of the week for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mott-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mott-Smith, Miss Deming, Miss Gillet, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Damon, Mr. J. Tarn McGrew, Mr. C. H. W. Norton, Mrs. J. S. McGrew and Mr. Theodore Wores.

Mrs. Severance is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Allen.

W. A. Robinson, who has been at Makaweli, has returned to town.

Robert W. Shingle is looking forward to another visit from his mother, who spent some months with her son last year.

The Gleaner's Lawn Party will take place this afternoon on the premises of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Castle, corner of Kinau and Victoria streets, and continue until midnight. The gate will be open at 2:30, but the sale will not commence until 3:00.

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